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Remarks

The Office Action of April 3, 2007 has been carefully reviewed and considered. Claims 5-24 are pending in the application. Of these, claim 24 is subject to restriction and withdrawn by the Examiner. Claims 5-19, 22 and 23 stand rejected. Claims 20 and 21 stand objected to, but are indicated to be allowable if amended to contain all features of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1-12, 18 and 22-24 are canceled without prejudice. Claims 13 -15, 19 and 20 are herewith amended and new claims 25-32 are added to more clearly define the invention. Accordingly, claims 13-17, 19-21 and 25-32 are pending in the application.

Telephonic Interview

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy of a telephonic interview conducted on October 2, 2007. During the interview, Applicant presented proposed claim amendments in accordance with the amendments effected above. The Examiner indicated that, in light of such amendments, all claims in the application are in condition for allowance, and allowed. Applicant thanks the Examiner for this indication of allowance with respect to all pending claims.

Restriction of claim 24

In the present Office Action claim 24 is restricted and withdrawn. No traverse is offered in relation to this restriction requirement and, as indicated above, claim 24 is herewith canceled without prejudice.

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Submission of Priority Documents

The Office Action acknowledges Applicant's claim of foreign priority under 35 USC §119(a)-(d) and indicates that none of the certified copies of the priority document have been received. Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledgment of the claim of priority and notes that a Submission of Certified Priority Document was filed in the Patent Office on May 14, 2007 along with a certified copy of Chinese patent application number 200420020002.9. Accordingly, the Patent Office is believed to be in receipt of all certified copies of the priority documents. Applicant respectfully requests prompt notification of any contrary indication.

Claim Rejections

Claims 5-11 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by United States patent number 4,542,883 to Rutzki (*hereinafter* Rutzki). Claims 12-19 and 22-23 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) over Rutzki in view United States patent number 6,769,155 to Hess. In light of the amendments and indication of allowance discussed above, all rejections of claims are moot.

Amendments to the Specification

Applicant herewith amends the specification to correct obvious typographical errors in paragraphs [0003] and [0006]. On line 1 of paragraph [0003] the typographical error "hind" is corrected to read -- bind --. On line 10 of paragraph [0006] the typographical error "arc" is corrected to read -- are --. No new matter is added by the proposed amendments to the specification.

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Conclusion

In light of the above-identified amendments to the claims the Examiner has telephonically indicated allowance of all pending claims. Applicant again thanks the Examiner for this indication of allowance and respectfully urges prompt formalization of this allowance and passage to issue of the application.

Extension of Time and Provisional RCE

A petition for a three (3) month extension of time is transmitted herewith, along with the requisite fee. In light of the indicated allowance of all claims, no Request for Continued Examination is now in order. At this time Applicant provisionally requests an RCE conditioned on any withdrawal of allowance that may occur. If the enclosed papers or fees are considered incomplete, the Patent Office is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (617) 868-8871 in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to Deposit Account No. 50-3950 of Bergman & Song LLP, under Order No: T1000-0001-P001.

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